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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your request of March 26, 1978, under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552), for access to administrative correspondence and Warren Commission records relating to the publication of Edward Epstein's book Legend. Your request was received in this office on March 30, 1978.

We will make available to you copies of the relevant correspondence between Mr. Epstein's representatives and the National Archives if you will furnish us written permission from Mr. Epstein and Reader's Digest for us to do so. It is the policy of the National Archives not to furnish information concerning the work of researchers who correspond with us. We believe that privacy is essential in order to protect the integrity of individual research; hence, your request for our administrative records relating to Mr. Epstein's book is denied in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6), as "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

We cannot furnish a list of the Warren Commission documents used by Mr. Epstein for the reasons cited above. We will be pleased, however, to furnish records of the Commission to you or your representative in our Central Research Room or send you copies of them for our usual fees.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal of this denial. The appeal must be in writing and must be addressed to the Director of Information, General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20405. An appeal should be received in the Office of the Director of Information no later than thirty calendar days after your receipt of this initial denial of access. The appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons why the records should be released and should enclose a copy of both the initial request and denial. Both the envelope and the

face of the appeal letter should be conspicuously marked "Freedom of Information Appeal."

Sincerely,

JAMES E. O'NEILL
Acting Archivist
of the United States